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LAX IMMIGRATION LAWS.

For several years past there has been an effort made to restrict the number of immigrants pouring into the United States from Asia and Eastern Europe. The movement has been successful as regards the Chinese and Japanese coolies. From Eastern and Southern Europe, however, vast hordes of people, very many of them of the undesirable class, continue to find their way to this country. That the laws are not stringent enough is obvious. First and foremost the steamship companies are allowed too much latitude in drumming up steerage passengers for their vessels and dumping them at the port of New York. They could not be prevented from soliciting these undesirable, but they could be effectually stopped from landing them on this side of the ocean. According to the report of the commissioner of immigration "all of the steamship lines engaged in bringing aliens from Europe to this country have persistently and systematically violated the law, both in its letter and spirit, by making use of every possible means to encourage the peasants of Europe to purchase tickets over their lines to this country." That being the case some drastic action should be taken to put a quietus upon the steamship companies.

Many reasons are advanced why this immigration should no longer be allowed. The flocking thither of the criminal classes is one; another is the fact that so many of the immigrants are mentally, morally and physically deficient. It is impossible to assimilate these people without lowering the American standard. It has already been lowered to some extent. While the stock breeders of the United States scour the earth for thoroughbreds to improve their strains of horses, cattle, sheep and swine, the government is allowing inferior races of men to come over here to become engrafted upon the American stock. The result can easily be forecasted.

It is true that a large proportion of the undesirable immigrants remain in the big cities, where, in order to exist, they must crowd other people out of employment by working for less wages. The persons so crowded out must seek other fields of labor, with the result that the labor market is overstocked and the families of thousands of men born and reared in this country lack the necessities of life; while the foreign laborer is sending back to Europe a portion of his earnings to bring over still more aliens. Self-preservation is the first law of nature. In the language of Phillips Brooks, the great Boston divine: "If the world, in the great march of centuries, is going to be richer for the development of a certain national character, built up by a larger type of manhood here, then for the world's sake, for the sake of every nation that would pour in upon it that which would disturb that development, we have a right to stand guard over it."

MT. MCKINLEY SCALED.

Members of the Fairbanks expedition, each and every one of them, succeeded in ascending Mt. McKinley, the highest point on this continent. The feat, according to the story of the leader, was not so difficult after all. The expedition was provided with Dr. Cook's maps and his book. Neither proved of any help and a new trail had to be blazed to the top of the mountain. The records alleged to have been deposited by the doctor on the summit were not located, principally owing to the fact that they were not there.

The success of the Fairbanks people proves two things: First, that the mountain peak can be scaled; second, that Dr. Cook did not scale it. The general public will not be greatly shocked over the news regarding the latter proposition. Ever since the alleged discovery of the North pole by this monumental fakir, evidence has been accumulating that his Mount McKinley story was no more true than his tale of locating the pole. It will not be necessary for Barrill and the rest of the men who have been giving out long-winded statements and making affidavits to come to the front with any additional information. The matter is definitely settled. Good-night to Dr. Cook.

INSURGENTS AGAIN DEFIED.

The Insurgent-Democratic alliance was again in evidence in the House Monday, when another attempt was made to humiliate Speaker Cannon in the matter of automobile supplies. It is not supposed Mr. Cannon cares a fig whether the government pays for running the machine furnished him or even whether a machine is placed at his disposal at all. It does "rile" him a trifle, however, when the insurgents try to vent their spleen and attempt to make him the victim of their party spite. Speaker Cannon has been in public life a long time. He is used to rough knocks in political warfare and can take them in a fair fight without wincing. It has been given and taken—"Uncle Joe" and two or three generations of Democrats in the Lower House. No one ever heard him complain. But these blows below the belt are not tamely received. So, when the last act of treachery occurred, Speaker

Cannon left the chair, marched over to the Republican side of the chamber and freely expressed his mind regarding the insurgents, again daring them to complete their perfidious work by entering into a still further coalition with the minority and deposing him from the chair. The challenge was not accepted.

In addition to freeing his mind concerning the insurgents, Speaker Cannon predicted that the next House of Representatives would be Republican in fact as well as in name, and he looked Champ Clark in the eye when he said it. The Democrats have been carrying the House during September and October for the last half a dozen campaigns. They always slip up in November. This year they have clinched the election several months in advance, but will certainly encounter the usual chilly weather on election day. Speaker Cannon hasn't any doubt in the premises; neither has any other close political observer. As for the insurgents, the promise of resurrection is not for their ilk.

PLURAL VOTING.

In Charlottetown, capital of the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island, the electors have what is called plural voting privileges. In the elections for mayor and aldermen, all men and all unmarried women above the age of 21 years having paid their taxes, have a right to give one or more votes. The franchise is limited to those possessing a freehold estate of \$100 assessed value or over; to payers of an income tax of \$2 and upward; to renters of real estate of a yearly rental value of \$14, and to those who pay a poll tax of \$2 each year. Even the non-resident owners or lessees of real estate in the city may vote at these elections. Voters thus qualified may vote in the ward in which he or she resides, and also in every other ward in which he or she owns or occupies real estate. It is possible, therefore, for one person to vote five times at one election, one vote for mayor and one each for councilman from the four wards.

Voting in Charlottetown is not done by ballot, but at polling places by word of mouth before election officers, who register the choice of the elector as declared in public. The secret ballot has no place on Prince Edward Island in municipal elections. Everything is open and above board, even though the fellows who have little or nothing are at a disadvantage. It is possible voters are not bribed up there. If they should be bribed now and then there would be no chance to get out of delivering the goods on a live voice vote. That system would be welcome in some localities in the United States, where the definition of an honest man is one who stays bought.

ONE A REPUBLICAN.

Both the House and Senate considered the administration railroad bill yesterday. In the lower chamber the measure was reported by Representative Mann of Illinois, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee. In the Senate a speech was made by La Follette of Wisconsin. Mr. Mann supported the bill. Mr. La Follette opposed it. Both of them claim to be Republicans. Which one is entitled to the distinction? Certainly not the Hon. Robert N. La Follette.

Having satisfactorily disposed of the tariff revision matter the Republican party, under the leadership of President Taft, is endeavoring to carry out the other promises made in the Chicago platform. Conservation, savings banks and supervision of the railroads are three of the main features of the administration program. All these measures are opposed by La Follette, who wants laws passed in accordance with his individual views, without regard to the collective wisdom of the Republican party, to which he professes to belong. In other words, the Wisconsin man thinks he knows more than all of his colleagues combined.

Mr. Mann, while having decided opinions regarding the principal features of the proposed legislation, is content to offer amendments and suggestions. If they are not accepted he bows to the will of the majority like a true Republican. In no other way can legislation be accomplished, and in no other way can any party be made strong enough to run the affairs of the government successfully. The logical conclusion is that La Follette is not a Republican and is not entitled to consideration as such.

THE SWOPE MYSTERY.

Dr. B. C. Hyde is on trial for his life on a charge of murdering Colonel Thomas Swope, an aged Kansas City millionaire and philanthropist. Dr. Hyde is also accused of having caused the death of one or two others of the Swope family, and with having inoculated the remainder with typhoid germs to insure their taking off in a manner that would not leave a suspicion that murder had been committed. Hyde married a daughter of Mrs. Logan O. Swope, one of the heirs of the philanthropist's estate, and it is the theory of the prosecution that he was trying to make way with the other heirs in order that his wife might inherit all the property. The case has been replete with sensations from the time the first move was made to secure evidence against the doctor. Now that he has been placed on trial it is probable sensational facts heretofore closely guarded will come to the surface.

If one-half of the charges against Dr. Hyde can be proven, he is one of the most cold-blooded villains of this or any other age. The difficulty will be in proving them. It is known that Colonel Swope allowed a colored quack to prescribe for him, and the strychnine found in his vital organs may have been taken by him in some of the cures furnished by the negro. Doubt is certain to arise in the minds of the jurors on this point. Again, the doctor married the Swope girl against the wishes of her mother, who has been instrumental in bringing her son-in-law to trial. That fact will also weigh in his favor as showing possible animus on the part of the prosecution. There

are half a dozen other points that can be used to great advantage by the defense. The progress of this case will be watched with considerable interest on account of the elements of mystery connected with it and because it is somewhat different from the ordinary murder trial.

WIPING OUT THE DEFICIT.

The gratifying announcement is made by Postmaster General Hitchcock that the postal deficit is melting away and that by the close of the fiscal year, June 30, the amount on the wrong side of the ledger, some \$17,000,000, inherited from the preceding administration, will have been practically wiped out. The announcement is the more gratifying because this great work is being accomplished during the very first year of the administration of President Taft, conclusively proving that while the estimates have been pared to the bone the affairs of the country are becoming economically administered in spite of all assertions to the contrary, and that a comfortable saving is being made. An objection was raised to Mr. Hitchcock's appointment to the Cabinet for the alleged reason that he was to be the political member of the official family of Mr. Taft and that he lacked the necessary qualifications for the position of postmaster general. That he is the right man in the right place is shown by the report concerning the fast fading deficit.

NOW TIME TO ACT

Pittsburg has had its day of prayer and humiliation, and the Throne of Grace has been petitioned to postpone the day of wrath. Visions of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah doubtless flitted in the imagination of many a humble supplicant as on his bended knees he implored mercy. The prayers seem to have been effective up to date. No showers of fire and brimstone have descended. Now let the Pittsburgers, who are chastened in spirit and sorely grieved over the degradation of their city officials and financiers, rise up and smite the guilty to the full extent of the law. The advice of President Grant, when the "whisky ring" scandal burst upon the country to "Let no guilty man escape," should be taken to heart by the good people of the Smoky city. There is room in the western penitentiary for a few more Allegheny county people.

EGGS AT \$5 APIECE.

Apologies of the chicken farming business, the attention of those interested in such matters is directed to the fact that a firm of poultry breeders and chicken fanciers of Hope, Ind., recently sold fifteen eggs for \$75, or \$5 for each individual egg. The eggs were from a pen of White Wyandotte prize winners, one male and five females. This is said to be the highest price ever paid for eggs and \$3 higher per egg than was paid for the eggs from the famous \$10,000 hen on exhibition at Kansas City. It is stated that these five White Wyandottes of Indiana laid 500 eggs from December 1 to April 4, which kept them reasonably busy. There are many chicken fanciers and poultry raisers in Utah in whose breasts conflicting emotions will be raised when they read of eggs selling at \$5 apiece in a little out-of-the-way place in Indiana.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

Dan H. Hillman, one of the best country newspaper editors in this or any other state, has disposed of the Vernal Express to a joint stock company and will engage in other business. Under Mr. Hillman's management the Express has been first-class in all respects, a consistent advocate of all that was good for the section of the country in which it is published, and a clean, readable family journal. Dan will be missed by the fraternity, but good luck to him in his new field of labor. The new stock company will continue to publish the Express in the interest of the town of Vernal and the whole Utah basin. The Herald-Republican extends fraternal greetings to the new proprietors.

TARDY ACTION TAKEN.

The city council has passed a fireworks ordinance, to take effect August 1 of the present year. Consequently Salt Lake will not have a "sane and safe" Fourth of July until 1911. The ordinance should have passed a long time ago. Year after year the subject has come up after the dead and wounded all over the country have been counted, and just as regularly has the matter been dropped again. This time definite action has been taken looking to a decrease in the casualties in future. As the sale is to be unrestricted at the time of the Fourth of July celebration this year, the authorities should see to it that those who do their celebrating with dynamite bombs and other dangerous explosives are kept within bounds.

An old adage says that "people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones." There is material for a new adage in the recent but self-evident proposition that people with unsavory reputations should label their jokes.

Jim Jeffries has gone into training. With bated breath the world now awaits the coming of the fateful Fourth of July.

Senator Heyburn appears to have taken the place formerly occupied by "Windy" V. Allen of Nebraska.

To the Unfortunate.

What though you've fallen? Rise again
And face the cold world and its jeers.
Lie not supine, nor hide your face,
Nor try to melt the ice with tears.
Rise up, though aching, black and blue,
Upward and onward your device.
Perhaps your neighbor, though he laugh,
May scatter ashes on the ice.

Be not discouraged. Others too
Have sat down lately with a bump.
The seismographs would overlook
If they recorded every thump.
Brush off your trousers or your skirt,
Continue calmly on your way
As if you bruises didn't hurt,
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—Somerville Journal.
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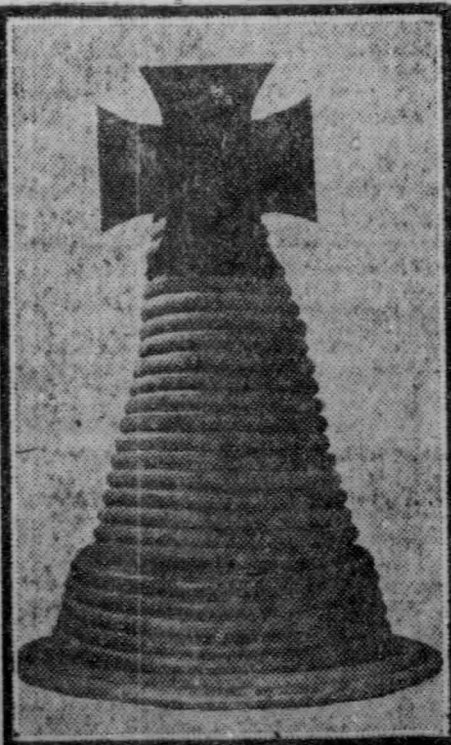
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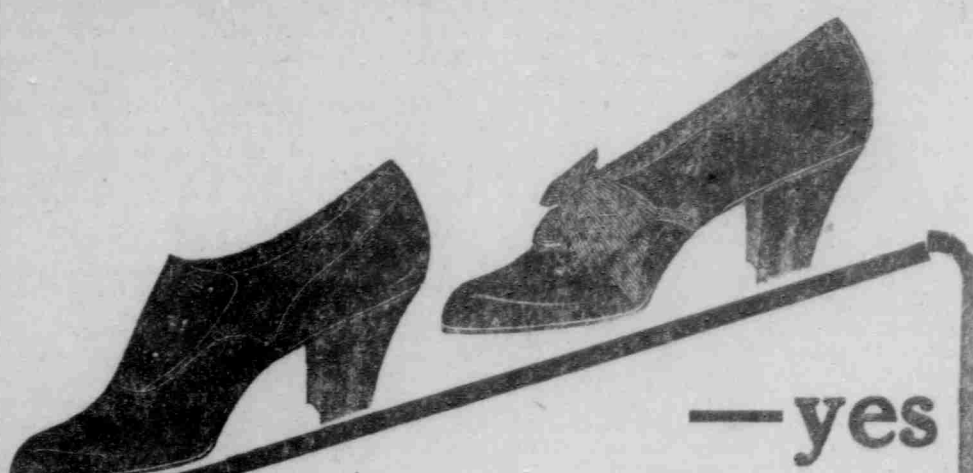
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